

Question from Gregario Casar, candidate for City Council District 4, requesting the number of officers that receive language stipends for their expertise.

Answer

As of August 2014, there are 306 APD officers who receive bilingual pay. The 306 break down as follows: three French language speakers, six German language speakers, two Korean language speakers, three Mandarin language speakers, two Russian language speakers, four officers proficient in sign language, 281 Spanish language speakers, one Thai language speaker and four Vietnamese language speakers.

Follow-up Question from Mr. Casar: Thank you Tara! I appreciate it. One clarifying question: does this include only front-line/ patrol officers? Or do folks doing more administrative/ supervisory work qualify for the stipend as well?

Answer

The 306 includes various sworn ranks including corporals, sergeants, detectives, etc. All sworn, including those who serve in a supervisory capacity, regularly interact with members of our community so bilingual skills are invaluable at every rank.

I used the term officer in my initial reply to you when it would have been more precise to say sworn personnel. My apologies for that. Thank you for the opportunity to clarify.

Tara Long